

*Stated Meeting, October 7, 1887.*

Present, 20 members.

Vice-President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the Chair.

Dr. Tyson and Mr. Harris, newly elected members, were presented to the Chair and took their seats.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letter of envoy from L'Académie R. des Sciences, Amsterdam.

Letters of acknowledgment from L'Académie R. des Sciences, Amsterdam (122, 123); Royal Society, Royal Institution, Linnæan, Royal Meteorological, Chemical, Geological Societies, London; Geological and Natural History Survey, Ottawa, Canada; Prof. O. C. Marsh, New Haven, Conn.; Prof. C. A. Young, Princeton, N. J.; Prof. C. H. F. Peters, Clinton, N. Y.; Vassar Brothers' Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rev F. A. Muhlenberg, Philadelphia; Profs. Lyman B. Hall, Isaac Sharpless, Haverford, Pa.; Lackawanna Institute, Scranton, Pa.; Prof. M. H. Boyè, Coopersburg, Va.; Mr. Horatio Hale, Clinton, Ontario, Canada; Mr. Everard F. im Thurn, Pomeroun River, British Guiana (125).

Accessions to the Library were received from Government Botanic Garden, Adelaide; Prof. Clemens Winkler, Leipzig; Publishers of "Der Naturforscher," Tübingen; K. Akademie van Wetenschappen, Amsterdam; Société Hollandaise des Sciences, Harlem; Osservatorio di Torino; Sociedade de Geographia, Lisboa; British Government, Meteorological Office, London; Prof. Joseph Prestwich, Oxford; Prof. H. Carvill Lewis, Manchester, Eng.; Natural History Society, Montreal, Canada; Brooklyn Entomological Society; New Jersey Historical Society, Newark; University of Pennsylvania, D. G. Brinton, William Pepper, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; United States Fish Commission, Department of State, War Department, Hydro-

graphic Office U. S. N., Public Opinion Co., Washington, D. C.; Leander McCormick Observatory, University of Virginia; Col. Charles C. Jones, Jr., Augusta, Ga.

A photograph for the Society's Album was received from Dr. C. A. Oliver.

Prof. Cope presented a communication for the Proceedings upon the "Classification and Phylogeny of the Artiodactyla."

The Secretaries presented two communications from Mr. Samuel Garman (Cambridge, Mass.), on the "Reptiles and Batrachians of Grand Cayman" and on "West Indian Reptiles in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy (Cambridge, Mass.)."

Pending nominations No. 1156, 1159, 1164, 1169 and 1170 were read.

A communication was read from the Committee on Library, in reference to the operation of the resolution of the Society, of January 7, 1887, and on motion of Dr. Horn, the Society resolved that the resolution of request of January 7, 1887, should be rescinded.

Mr. Ames suggested that in the absence of papers intended for the Proceedings or for the Transactions, the meetings of the Society should be enlivened and enriched by unwritten communications; that members should report the best results of their reading and reflections on subjects of science and philosophy.

Mr. Fraley, in reply to a question, described the social and conversational features of the Society's meetings after adjournment in earlier times.

Mr. Ames made reference to the recent address of the President of the British Geological Society, on "The Relations of Mind and Matter," after which a discussion ensued, participated in by Messrs. C. G. Ames, Philip H. Law and Prof. E. D. Cope.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.